Permanent Supportive Housing

Coordinating Services and Property Management

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Our Mission

Advancing housing solutions that:



Improve lives of vulnerable people



Maximize public resources

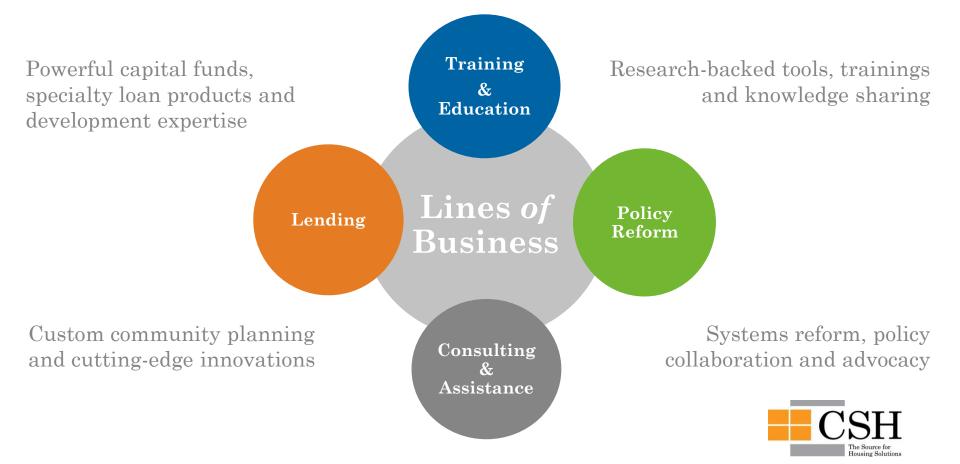


Build strong, healthy communities



What We Do

CSH is a touchstone for new ideas and best practices, a collaborative and pragmatic community partner, and an influential advocate for supportive housing.



Defining Elements of a Supportive Housing Unit

Tenants: Homeless or at-risk of homelessness with multiple barriers to employment and housing stability

Rent <30% of monthly income

Tenant has a lease with no limits on length of tenancy

Easy, facilitated access to flexible and comprehensive services

Participation in services is not a condition of ongoing tenancy

Unit is operated through an effective partnership

Both service and property management strategies focus on fostering housing stability



Who is Supportive Housing For?

People Who:

✓ <u>BUT FOR HOUSING</u>, cannot access and make effective use of treatment and supportive services in the community;

and

✓ <u>BUT FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES</u>, cannot access and maintain stable housing in the community.



Coordinated Placement System

Access

- Web-Based System
- Everyone Has a Path Out of Homelessness

Assess

 Standardized Housing Triage and Assessment Tools

Assign

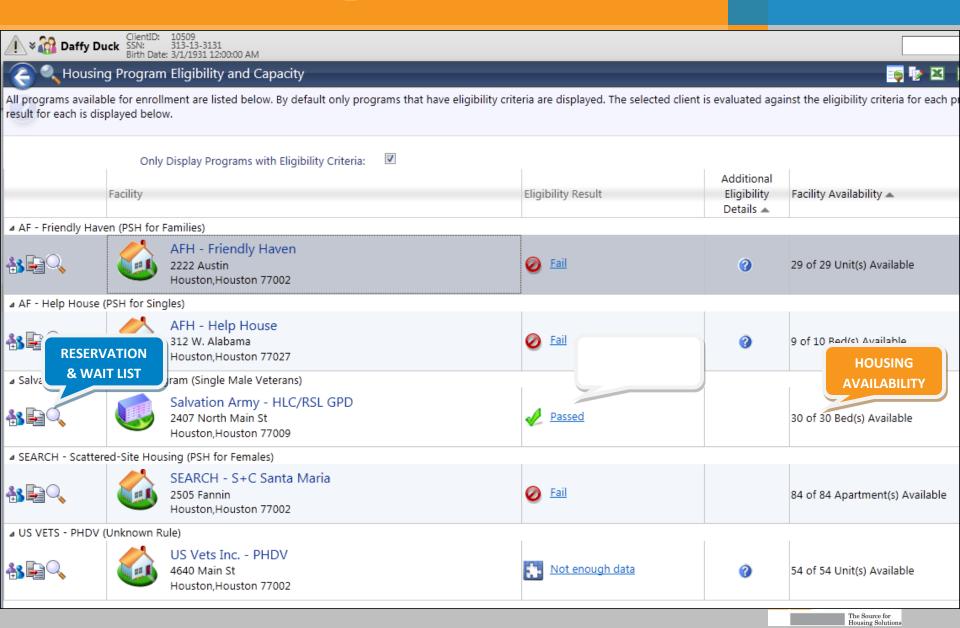
- Real Time Housing Availability
- Central Referral & Wait Lists

Accountability

- Sole Referral Source Closes the Side Doors
- Responsible for Finding Appropriate Housin



Sample Referral Screen



Impact of Population on Service Approach

Service Approach

- □ Beyond "Service Enriched Housing"
- Voluntary, Consumer-driven
- □ Focus on Engagement vs. Compliance

Management Practice

- □ Low Barriers to Tenancy
- Services not required: managed 'to the lease'
- □ Explicit partnership with service provider

Staffing:

- Clear distinction between property management and service staff
- □ Lower staff: tenant ratios



Supportive Housing is the Solution

Supportive housing combines affordable housing with services that help people who face the most complex challenges to live with stability, autonomy and dignity.

Housing: Affordable Permanent Independent



Support:
Flexible
Voluntary
Tenant-centered



Coordinated





Accessible

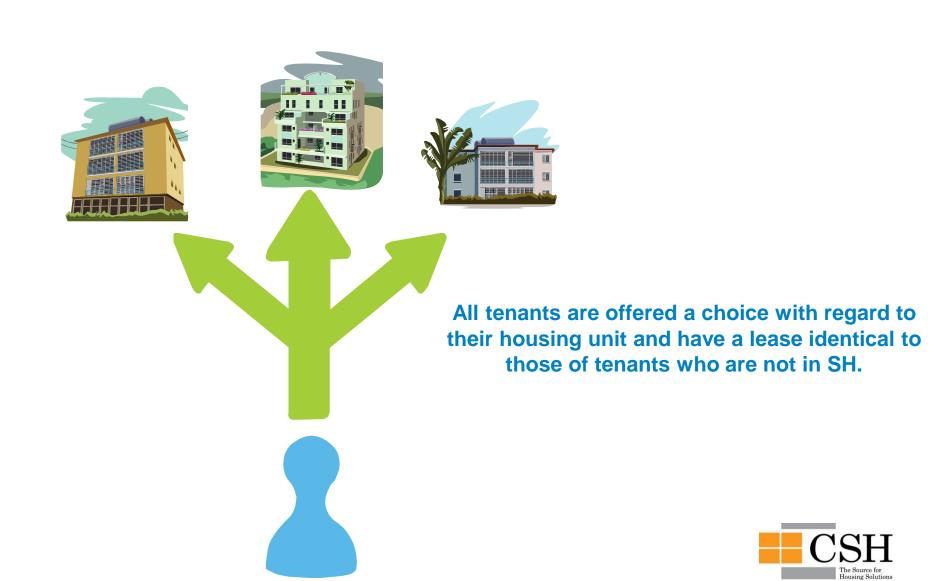
Tenants move into housing as quickly as possible

Process accommodates their varying backgrounds and cultural needs. Appeals process including tenant advocacy and Request for Reasonable Accommodation





Integrated



Perception of Roles

Property
Management
Show me the
money!

Common Goal: Keeping Tenants Housed

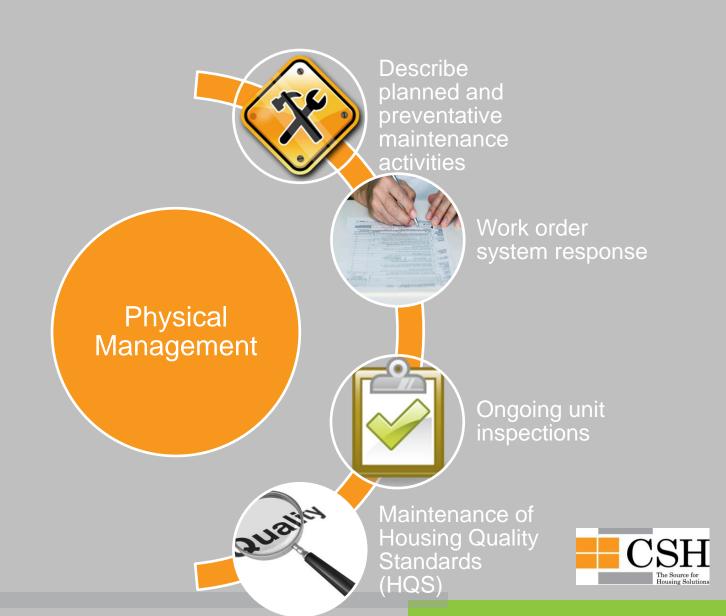
Supportive Services Let me help!



Management Plans



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Eviction Prevention



Eviction Prevention

Help tenants build skills necessary to stay housed

Create
Interventions that
help tenants before
they are at risk of
eviction



Deborah's Place

If final decision is to evict, the legal eviction process would begin.

The legal process does not start prior to the resolution of the internal process

If the committee decides not to evict, there may be some requirements that the tenant will need to comply with to maintain their housing



How Eviction Prevention Works: Deborah's Place

Tenant at risk of eviction



Property Manager fills out an Eviction Report Form

Report sent to Tenant, Case Manager, COO, Property Manager and Tenant Advocate



The Eviction
Prevention Committee
writes a justification
for any recommended
eviction:



The Tenant and their advocate present their case to the Eviction Prevention Committee



Tenant selects person they want to be their advocate



Recommendation to Director of Supportive Housing and Chief Operating Officer who make final decision



A year after implementing evictions reduced from 10/129 units to 2 evictions, both for unit abandonment.



Wrap – Up & Questions

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